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FAWKHAM RAILWAY STATION.

Rector's Letter.

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

It has occurred to me that you might be interested in some particulars respecting the history of the railway which runs through our parish, and of the station which, although it is situated in the neighbouring village, we, in common with the inhabitants of at least two other parishes, regard as "our" station.

Before the coming of the railway the usual journey to London for Hartley residents meant catching the coach at Gravesend or Farningham. A bus ran daily from Meopham to Gravesend and so this was the favourite route. If preferred, the journey could be made from this town by water.

Boats left with every flood tide, and returned from Billingsgate with every ebb. And the fare was ninepence.

Less than a hundred years ago a London newspaper, I think it was the *Times*, speaking of railway schemes said "These dreamers and their projects are unworthy of notice." Press and public alike were up in arms against the locomotive visionaries.

But the dreamers won the day. The first passenger railway from Manchester to Liverpool was opened in due course with Stephenson's "Rocket" running thirty miles an hour, and the time came when the South Eastern Company, having acquired the Rochester to Gravesend railway, obtained an Act of Parliament to extend the line to London Bridge.

By 1860 there was not only a line from London Bridge via Gravesend to Rochester, but also one from Victoria, which ran through Farningham Road and Meopham, to Chatham and on to Dover.

It was a great event for this neighbourhood when the line was opened, and passengers to London could take the train at Meopham. It was a still greater event when in the month of June, 1871, Fawkham station opened its doors. At first the idea

At the time the station was built the Court was the only Longfield house in sight. All the other houses including those in Station Road and Kent and Essex Roads have sprung up since.

It is on record that people used to exclaim when trains stopped at Fawkham "what could have induced the company to build a station in such a desolate spot!"

The spot was certainly secluded, and that may have been one reason why trains, as a



THE OLD STATION.

had been a siding somewhere in the neighbourhood, in the interests of agriculture, but eventually the company decided to provide for passengers as well.

From very near the Station bridge the line runs east-south-east through Hartley parish.

It occupies ten and a half acres of land, and the company are assessed in this parish for rating purposes at £2,392.

But the station is beyond the boundary of Hartley, and though called Fawkham, is, as you all know, in the parish of Longfield.

matter of fact, used to stop here long before the station was built.

Just over the bridge was a little earthen platform, and now and again a train would make a special stoppage here.

The fact was that near this spot, in a corner of the Court Meadow, adjacent to the line, an occasional prize fight was organised by votaries of the ring. Whether these enthusiasts included the archdeacon to whom the land belonged, tradition does not say, but I believe it to be something more than a

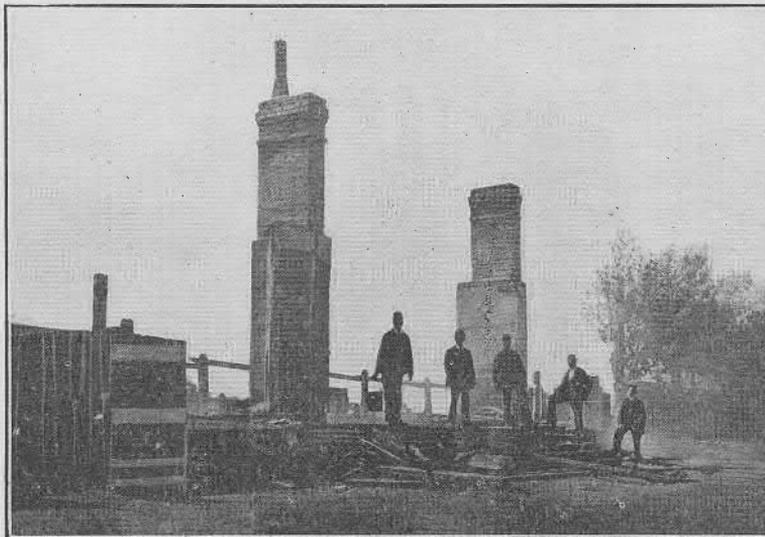
myth that the renowned Tom Sayers himself, and other of his contemporaries, won some of their laurels hard by this one-time "Longfield Halt."

I do not suggest that the existence of this "halt" had anything to do with the building of the station here, there was another very good reason. It was the nearest point on the railway to Fawkham Manor, and it was not so far for the Squire to drive to, as Farningham Road. And in this connection we may find a sufficient explanation for the name by which the station was called.

pany acquired the land and made the Station Road the other houses soon followed. Before the line was made, a hopfield occupied the site. The remains of the kilns may still be seen behind the Tavern. At first the only approach to the line was the footpath which runs from the corner of the Hartley Road.

One unforeseen result ensued from the misnaming of the station. The name of the village, at any rate in its pronunciation, was thereby changed.

Before the coming of the railway station



THE MORNING AFTER THE FIRE.

So remote indeed, was the spot from human habitation that accommodation had to be provided for the station staff, and so the houses in Elm Terrace were built.

But first in the field was the Railway Tavern on the Longfield Road, and the coal-store of Mr. Evenden close to the station, and here in fact the first station master was housed till No. 1 Elm Terrace was ready for his accommodation.

Then came the corner shop, and what is now called "The Flats." When the Com-

Fawkham was pronounced by everyone as though written Fakeham.

The change came about in this way. A person would ask at Victoria for a ticket to the station pronouncing the name as Fakeham. But the booking clerk would protest that there was no such place on the line. In desperation the would-be traveller spelt the name. "Oh, you mean Fawk-ham the clerk would reply, and Fawk-ham it had to be if people wanted to travel there on the line. And Fawk-ham it soon became for

everybody including the villagers themselves.

Misguided etymologists, by the way, have derived the name from Fay-comb, the "Valley of the Fairies." I need hardly say that for this derivation, pretty though it be, there is no foundation. It is as far-fetched as Folk-ham the "place where the people dwell" which one historian has the effrontery to suggest as the meaning of the name.

The first Fawkham station master was Thomas Toms. For twenty years, with his long white beard, he was a familiar figure on the platform, and in the booking office, for in those days, there was no booking clerk. He died in 1894, and is buried in Longfield Churchyard with his wife who followed him a few years later.

Other station masters have come and gone. There was W. Waterer, W. G. Taylor, Fredk. R. Tucker, E. Howard, F. Norman, and now Mr. Walter Tapsell is "our" station master.

In Longfield parish he is more than master of the Station, for he is one of the moving spirits in most things connected with the village life.

The importance of Fawkham Station has greatly increased in recent years.

In earlier days the staff consisted of five all told, now there are ten besides the six platelayers.

In the time of Mr. Toms there were about twelve season-ticket holders. Now there are nearly three hundred. Then the travellers were very few. Last year 18,000 passengers booked from Fawkham. In Mr. Toms' time two flies crawled to and from the station, now the cars and taxis and omnibuses testify to the livelier times at Fawkham Station.

There was, of course, no depot of Messrs. W. H. Smith in former days. A few daily

papers were sent along from Swanley Junction, a dozen perhaps in all, to be called for at Fawkham Station. At the present time the flourishing bookstall under the able control of Mr. Redman, distributes weekly close on four thousand newspapers.

Everyone knows the present "Father" of the station, Mr. F. Hollands. Having spent over thirty years as porter at Fawkham and more than forty years on the line, he has witnessed the gradual development and all the changes that these years have brought forth.

Among the "older hands" who have passed away in recent years are Mr. Sam Porter, Mr. John King, and Mr. George Charman. All familiar and respected residents in Longfield village for long after their retirement from active service.

In the year 1900, the station was burnt to the ground. The origin of the fire is not for certain known, but it broke out shortly after the arrival of the midnight down train and when the station was locked up for the night.

All that remained after the conflagration may be seen in the accompanying picture.

The persons in the group from left to right are Mr. Charles Foster, Mr. Arthur Killick, Mr. William Crouch, Mr. Henry Bristow, and Mr. Harry Parrett.

It was not till 1902 that the new station was opened. In the meanwhile the little wooden shanty near the signal box, seen in the picture of the present station, and which is now used as a goods shed served as booking office, waiting room and all other purposes.

The long delay was due to a difference of opinion as to *where* the station should be rebuilt. At that time there were very few houses in Hartley and no "Longfield Halt,"

and so it was urged that as the people at Green Street Green and Westwood ought to be considered, the most convenient site, as well as the most economical for the Company, would be the junction at Pinden Corner.

The Pindenites, I believe, at one time had almost won the day, but finally it was decided to rebuild on the old site.

We all know how true it is that "Great events from little causes spring," and there is little doubt that modern Hartley owes its very existence to this tardy decision of the Company to rebuild at Longfield instead of Horton Kirby.

I do not believe that the "Small Owners, Ltd." would, for a moment, have entertained the idea of purchasing and developing the Hartley Estate if the railway station had been as far away as Pinden.

Yours very truly,

GERARD W. BANCKS.

Church Information.

Rector—Rev. CHARLES GERARD WINSTANLEY BANCKS, M.A., appointed 1902.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Matins, 11 a.m. Evensong, 6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m., on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month; at 12 noon on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month.

Parochial Church Council (elected under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure, 1921).—Council for 1927-8: The Rector (who is Chairman by virtue of his office), Miss Bancks, Mrs. Oldrey, Mrs. F. W. Tate, Miss Fiddis, Miss Sale, Mrs. Wells Thatcher, Miss Green, Hon. Secretary; Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. D. T. R. Gray, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. F. W. Tate, Mr. W. H. Chisholm, Miss Newcomb, Mrs. Gray, Mr. Eric Green (Hon. Treasurer),

Mr. Alexander, with the Churchwardens by virtue of their offices.

Committees—Standing Committee: The Chairman and the Churchwardens. Finance Committee: The Churchwardens, the Treasurer and Miss Green.

Sidesmen—Mr. A. Blackwell, Mr. A. Cox, Mr. W. Nash, Mr. J. Green and Mr. Alexander.

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Choirmaster—Mr. W. H. Chisholm.

Choirwarden—Mr. D. T. R. Gray.

Members of the Choir.—Mrs. Balchin, Miss L. Bancks, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. T. J. Clark, Mr. C. E. Cuff, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Gray, Miss E. Green, Mrs. Keen, Miss M. Marrington, Miss Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Oldrey, Miss Parkin, Mrs. Symons, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tate, Mr. Frank Tate, junr.

Choir Boys.—Frederick Crouch, David H. Gray, John Rose.

Licensed Lay Reader.—Mr. J. Wells Thatcher.

Sunday School.—Miss Sale, Superintendent. Teachers: 1st Class, Miss Sale; 2nd Class, Mrs. Gray; 3rd Class, Miss Parkin. Time: 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

Church Parochial School.—Miss Fiddis, Headmistress; Mrs. Nickalls, Infant School Mistress.

School Managers.—The Rector, Mr. J. Green, Capt. Copus, Mr. J. Stuart, Miss Rodwell and Miss Harry.

Bell Ringer and Organ Blower.—Mr. A. Rogers.

Churchyard Keeper.—Mr. A. Rogers.

Church Cleaner.—Mrs. Hoadley.

Saxton & Grave Digger.—Mr. J. Crouch.

WORK OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

"It shall be the primary duty of the Council of every parish to co-operate with the Incumbent in the initiation, conduct and development of Church work both within the parish and outside."—(Section 2 of the Measure.)

Altar Flowers.

January—Mrs. Walker.
February—Miss Bancks.
March—Mrs. Boulger.
April—Mrs. Isaacs.
May—Mrs. T. J. Clark.
June—Miss Green.
July—Mrs. Elliott.
August—Mrs. Andrus.
September—Mrs. Chisholm.
October—Miss Robertson.
November—Mrs. Ralph Day.
December—Miss Harry.

Baptisms.

May 1st—Esther May, daughter of Ernest and Matilda Backhouse.
 August 14th—Doreen Emily Joy, daughter of Leonard and Doris Perrin.

Editors' Notes.

I hope this number will be a little thinner than the last one. Sixteen pages was rather alarming, as my eyes are always looking to the cost of production. There is one thing that delights the Rector and me, however. It is this: Readers in the parish and far beyond it speak kindly of this little periodical.

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You would be surprised at the long journeys which it undertakes: Australia, China, India, France, these countries have readers of the Hartley Mag., as it is called with affection. There are readers, too, in distant parts of the British Islands.

When I was walking up the Ash road the other day I was charmed to read the name which a neighbour had chosen for his residence. He has called it "Erclai." This is a pretty compliment to the antiquarian labours of our learned Rector as well as to the name of our parish, for it was called Erclai by some scribe many hundreds of years ago.

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I am glad to say that our church has no history to report during the past quarter, we have gone along quietly attending to our business, singing, praying and responding. I hope we are all the better for it. I do believe we are. I notice such a nice friendly spirit in all my neighbours whom I meet along our Kentish lanes. They all have a pleasant smile, especially the children.

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The Rector had a happy thought. This was it: Men and women, lads and lasses, in Hartley sometimes want a job. Other people in Hartley want service. But neither party knows about the other. Everybody who wants a job must send a written note to the Editor. Like this:

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Abel Stone, of Hartley Green wants a job as errand boy or gardener or whatever the job is. Then I'll put this notice in the next magazine, free, gratis, and for nothing, as they used to say in early Greece. On the other hand, Lord Wallsend of Hartley Towers may want a man or boy or a maid. Well, if his lordship will let me know I'll put the want in also. But I expect him to send me a small donation towards the Magazine Fund.

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Our esteemed rural dean, the Rev. F. J. Everett, of Aylesford Vicarage, has reminded our churchwardens that the living

| October. | November. | December. |
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| 2nd—16th Sunday after Trinity. | 1st—All Saints' Day. | 4th—2nd Sunday in Advent. |
| 9th—17th Sunday after Trinity. | 6th—21st Sunday after Trinity. | 11th—3rd Sunday in Advent. |
| 16th—18th Sunday after Trinity. | 13th—22nd Sunday after Trinity. | 18th—4th Sunday in Advent. |
| 18th—St. Luke Evangelist | 20th—Sunday before Advent. | 21st—St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr. |
| 23rd—19th Sunday after Trinity. | 27th—1st Sunday in Advent. | 25th—Christmas Day. |
| 28th—St. Simon and St. Jude, App. & M.m. | 30th—St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr. | 26th—St. Stephen the First Martyr. |
| 30th—20th Sunday after Trinity. | | 27th—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. 28th—Innocents' Day. |

in Hartley is the worst paid in his rural deanery. A sad statement! Fancy a scholar and a gentleman having "to keep up an appearance" on that absurd income. It is not the wages of a village blacksmith. However, I am told that the Churchwardens have written to our rural dean begging him to see what can be done in the proper quarter to make the living a little more worth living for.

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I cannot for the life of me understand how I could have allowed the title of our magazine to be irregular from the very beginning. "Hartley Parochial Magazine." Absurd! It will be Hartley Parish Magazine in future. When you meet the Editor just tell him from me that—No, perhaps you had better not. We must try and be kind to the poor!

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HARTLEY THROUGH THE AGES.

It is fitting that the first book reviewed in these pages should be written by the Rector of Hartley. The duty which I am about to undertake gives me real pleasure. First,

because of my long and happy association with the author and next, because of my admiration for him as a literary man and a learned, patient and accurate antiquarian.

When I saw this book in proof form I felt sure that it would attract the reviewers of the great daily newspapers. It has done so. Mr. Bancks ought to be, and will be, much encouraged by the long, laudatory, and discerning reviews of his book which have already appeared in many journals both national and local.

Now let me try, in the small space I have to spare, to give a summary, brief and inadequate, of this interesting work. First of all the format is excellent, the choice of binding, the type, the wide margins of the pages, the hand made paper used and the appearance generally do credit to the good taste and skill of author and printer alike. Then as to the subject matter it is quite entrancing. It is the long story of the village of Hartley. The author begins his task by a short description of the earliest human dwellers in Hartley whose flint instruments,

fashioned and used by them thousands of years ago, are found in the gravel and surface-soil to-day.

The village is next described as it was about a thousand years before the coming of Julius Cæsar. The inhabitants were Celts who had come over from the Continent. The village was on the highest ground and surrounded by a stout oak fence. With the coming of the Romans and the nearness of great Roman camps Hartley was concerned, and a Roman villa of magnitude was built and occupied by some Roman of importance within half a mile of the site of the present Church.

Next came the Teutonic invaders. The Romans had gone; the Roman Empire was tottering to its fall. The Druid worship in Hartley had vanished, so had the worship of the gods which the Romans brought with them. The name and teaching of Jesus Christ was beginning to be heard in the land. The Saxons gave the village the name whereby it is known to-day, Heortlea—Hartley—the field of the deer. Our author surmises that the first Christian altar was set up in Hartley towards the close of the 7th century A.D.

In the eleventh century the author begins to find historical records. "Some woman" owned Hartley in 1087. A good sketch map of the parish illustrates this period. About this time, William of Normandy comes upon the scene; Hartley belongs to the Norman bishop of Bayeux. There are slaves in Hartley in those days, persons who could be bought and sold like pigs.

I must pass over the interesting chapter upon Plantagenet and Tudor times in order to devote a line or two to the village church.

The present building dates from the eleventh century, but there are some Saxon

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details. The door is one of the most interesting specimens in Kent, if not in England. Parts of the font are Norman. The chapter relating to the churchyard and the tombstones is deeply interesting; it must be read, it cannot be summarised here. The map of the churchyard prepared by the author was a work of immense labour, and will be of permanent value.

The lords of the manor of Hartley have been distinguished men and women who have figured largely in English history. The earliest rector whose name is known lived in the year 1323. The author writes of the importance of the churchwarden and the parish clerk of old time. The chapter upon old inhabitants makes most fascinating reading, so does that concerning old houses; for instance: "the thatched cottage has been the home of the Goodwins for at least five generations" compared with the Goodwins your modern rich man is a mere mushroom, but he is able to boast—"I have the pieces!"

With reluctance I pass by wayside and wayside folk, nor may I pause to mention "Old Mary" whose fire behind the hedge could often be seen at night time. Dealing with local names the learned author tells us that Culvey down is where the cowslips grow, for culvey is a Kentish word for that charming flower.

The article on lost property is not without humour. It tells of things that once belonged to the church and have disappeared. Where, for instance, is the "chalice with the patente of silver weighing four ounces?" The many large chalk holes in the parish suggest the smugglers' cave. No doubt that was their use at a time when Kentish smuggling was an honourable calling.

I lay down my pen with regret knowing that I have already exceeded the limits that

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I had set myself. I must, however, warmly commend the excellent illustrations. The author has written a delightful book which will tend to make Hartley famous for all time and which will add one more work to the list, already respectable, to which he has put his name.

* Hartley Through the Ages, The Story of a Kentish Village. By the Rev. Gerard W. Bancks, M.A., Rector of Hartley, Longfield, Kent. With 25 illustrations and maps, price 4/6, postage 6d. Published by him at that address. The work was printed by Snowden Brothers, West Kent Printing Works, Dartford.

I hope everybody will give a bit to the William Crouch testimonial. I never knew a man more cheerful, more willing, or more industrious. It was always a pleasure to meet him on his rounds. If it was a pouring wet day, and he was heavily laden he would say to me with a seraphic smile "The sun will shine to-morrow." If the sun was scorching—rare event—he would bubble forth "It will be cool in the evening time." Such a man is a credit to the county that bred him and to the land of which he a humble but honoured citizen.

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I am so happy that the Girl Guildes and the Boy Scouts are going strong. Good friends are working for them and with them in every way. My esteemed friends, the two Campkins, have given the boys a valuable present which Headley Symons enabled them to put to good use.

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I now address myself to about sixty of our respected readers. You have enjoyed this unspeakably brilliant periodical for the past year, but you have not paid for it. I know why. The amount is small; the Rectory is a long way off. Now, look here! Just you double your subscription and leave it at my house. Be sure to leave your name

and address in writing and state the amount you give. "Thank you very much." [That's a quotation.]

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HARTLEY KEEPS ON KEEPING ON.

The attractiveness of our little village has been greatly enhanced by the magnificent shop which the Hartley Co-operative Society have just opened. It speaks much for the patience and persistence of our co-operative friends that the seed which they sowed some ten or twelve years ago has taken root and blossomed forth into the sturdy "tree" of to-day.

The familiar army hut in which the business has been carried on for so long having become quite inadequate, it will now be removed and put to other uses, its place being taken by the spacious brick structure, with attractively-dressed windows, which has now been erected.

We hear that the Society have some further interesting developments in hand, including a petrol pump, which will shortly be opened, and it is evident that the Committee are an energetic and enterprising body of men, and the manager and staff keen on their work. The Editor writes to congratulate all concerned, and to urge them to "keep on keeping on."

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THE PARISH MEETING CONSIDERS THINGS.

The June Parish Meeting was well attended, and various local questions came up for discussion. Mr. Edward, Hartley's new Guardian and Councillor, outlined the position of our village matters at Dartford, and his suggestion that the long-standing trouble regarding the Church Road pond was within sight of settlement was joyfully received.

As a Minor Local Authority the meeting was called upon to appoint a School Manager, and Capt. Copus, the retiring Manager was re-appointed.

Kent Playing Fields Association sent an appeal for support in their effort to provide more playing fields in the county, but the meeting took no action.

Fire risks were mentioned by the Chairman, Mr. F. W. Tate, who referred to recent outbreaks of fire in the district. He thought the rapid development of the parish made an inquiry into the provision of hydrants desirable, and a committee, comprising Messrs. Gray, Green and Oldrey, was appointed, with instructions to ascertain the present position and to make recommendations to the Parish Meeting.

Increased rates naturally provided a topic of interest. Mr. Hedley Symons raised the subject, intimating that the increase appeared to him to need some explanation. Mr. Edward said that compensation for damage by fire believed to have been caused by the District Council's road engine had involved the whole locality in a 4d. rate. Mr. Nairn showed that a special reduction had been made in the previous rate by drawing upon the credit balance due to the Parish. This relief, however, could only affect one half-year's rate, and made an apparent rise of 6d. in the next.

After further debate the Chairman agreed to obtain a statement from the Rating Authority, and to call another meeting if this seemed necessary.

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO MR. WILLIAM CROUCH.

Hartley parishioners will have heard with great regret that after thirty years of service, Postman William Crouch has been permanently incapacitated from duty.

It has been suggested that a testimonial should be presented to him to express the practical sympathy of the village in his misfortune. Large donations are not asked for, the object of the collection being to secure a great number of small amounts.

The actual form of the testimonial will be decided at a Parish Meeting on the 26th September.

Contributions to the fund will be received by any of the following:—

Rev. G. W. Bancks, The Rectory; Mr. W. G. Benson, Coppice Lea; Mrs. S. Johnson, Melsetta; Mr. C. W. Nairn, Elm Cottage; Mr. F. C. Robertson, Hartley Hill Cottage; Mrs. F. Tate, Amphion; Mr. F. Wise, Appledore; Mr. W. Wise, Co-operative Stores.

(Signed) F. W. Tate,
Amphion.

BOY SCOUTS.

The two Mr. Campkins have very generously presented the boys with an army tent, and two very successful week end camps have already been spent in a field kindly lent by Mr. Hedley Symons.

THE GIRL GUIDES.

The Girl Guides held a very successful sale of work at the Institute during July, the proceeds are to be devoted to buying the colours for the patrol. A jolly week was spent under canvas at Ridley during August, in a field close to the Rectory, kindly lent by Miss Hornby.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Lectures and demonstrations at the Women's Institute still continue to attract, and each month sees a steady increase in

Membership.

Future events include knitting and rug-making demonstration, a lecture, by the Rev. G. W. Bancks, and a bazaar on November 26th.

Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month at 3 o'clock. Subscription 2s. yearly.

FREEWILL OFFERINGS.

Hartley is justifiably proud of its ancient story, its ancient Church and traditions, and of this many of its residents have given practical proof in their freewill contributions for the upkeep of the Church and its work.

This scheme has now been in operation for nearly a year, and a small but assured income has taken the place of an uncertain and fluctuating one.

The Parochial Council is deeply grateful for this support which justifies the hope that many others who have been considering the matter, will decide to become regular contributors.

Numbered envelopes will be supplied on application to Mr. Eric Green, Treasurer to the Council, Brickend, Hartley.

NOTE.—In order to coincide with the Church financial year, the first period of the freewill offering scheme will be extended to Christmas next, and a report will be prepared for the Christmas number of this magazine.

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WHAT ABOUT THIS?

On looking through the Free Will Offering account, the Treasurer finds that there are several subscriptions overdue. For the information of those in arrears the following list gives their numbers and the number of subscriptions due up to the end of August.

It is proposed to begin the next financial year of this scheme at the New Year, further envelopes will therefore be given out shortly so that the present year, which ends in October, may continue till December 31st.

The Treasurer will be pleased to furnish any further information regarding this scheme and sincerely hopes the subscriptions will not fall off as the liabilities of the Parochial Church Council are heavy.

| No. 3 owes 15 subscriptions. | | No. 23 owes 1 subscription. | |
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| 8 | 2 | 25 | 16 |
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THE BAND IS STILL A BLOWIN' AND A GROWIN'.

The Hartley and District Band visited Southfleet on Sunday, August 7th, and provided the music for a drum-head service under the auspices of the British Legion (Southfleet and Longfield Hill branch). Members of the British Legion, Girl Guides and local Friendly Societies attended, and were inspected by Brig.-Gen. T. A. Andrus, C.M.G., and Major L. E. Stokes, O.B.E. Scholars from the Church of England and Congregational Sunday Schools, and a large number of the general public, were also present. The collection, which was in aid of the Gravesend Hospital, amounted to £5. The services of the Band were greatly appreciated by all.